

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION SEP 28 A 10:54

Jesse L. Hinton,

vs-

The Peoples Gas Light and Coke
Company

Complaint as to improper billing in
Chicago, Illinois.

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Now comes the Respondent, THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY, by its attorney, Mark L. Goldstein and in Answer to the Complaint of Complainant, JESSE HINTON, states, as follows:

1. In response to paragraph 1 of the complaint, Complainant was sent a bill for gas service in the amount of \$994.53 on April 11, 2006, reflecting gas service provided to 1157 E. 82nd St., FL 2, Chicago, IL ("Property") from September 17, 2004 through August 1, 2005. Complainant purchased the Property on September 17, 2004, and was billed for gas service provided to this Property from the purchase date forward.

Prior to September 17, 2004, on June 12, 2003, gas service to the previous customer of record at the Property was shut off and any future bills for gas use would have been sent to the Property.

2. In response to paragraph 2 of the complaint, on August 1, 2005, Respondent read the gas meter at the Property and again shut off gas service, thus Complainant was only billed for gas usage from September 17, 2004 to August 1, 2005. After June 12,

2003, Respondent had no knowledge of who owned the Property, or who should be billed for gas usage since there was no customer of record. When Respondent was contacted by Complainant to restore service, Complainant advised Respondent that he was the Property owner; therefore, he was the person responsible for and billed for gas usage at the Property from his date of purchase forward.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Complaint be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,


THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND
COKE COMPANY

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VERIFICATION

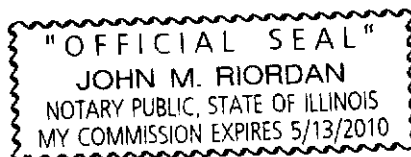
ZENETRA WEATHERALL, being first duly sworn, says that she is in the Billing Control Department of the Respondent, The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, that she has handled the informal complaint and is handling the formal complaint, that she has read the Answer to the Complaint, and that to her best knowledge and belief the Answer to the Complaint is true.


Zenetra Weatherall

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

this 25 day of September, 2006


Notary Public



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NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Parties on Certificate of Service

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 26, 2006, I filed with the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission Respondent's Motion to File Instant and Answer to Complaint attached hereto, copies of which are hereby served upon you.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 26, 2006, I served a copy of the attached Respondent's Motion to File Instant and Answer to Complaint by causing copies thereof to be placed in the U.S. Mail, first class postage affixed, addressed to each of the parties indicated below:

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